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## ACCEPTANCE EXPECTED

**Parties in Reichstag Said to Be in Favor of Yielding. New Ministry Will Probably Be Formed**

Berlin, May 10.—An acceptance of the allied ultimatum was expected in the reichstag today. Various parties are aligning themselves in favor of yielding, according to an almost unanimous trend of newspaper reports. President Ebert today will ask Paul Loebe, the majority socialist, and president of reichstag to form a new ministry.

## Memorial Day Observed by City

**Graves of Veterans and Confederate Monument Decorated**

Memorial day was fittingly observed in Sumter according to the usual custom. Banks were closed, the postoffice kept holiday hours and the city schools closed early. In addition the day was observed as high school day, the ceremonies for which were held in the auditorium of the girls' high school on yesterday morning.

In the afternoon, memorial day services were held by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Dick Anderson chapter. The first part of this was at 5 o'clock when the Children of the Confederacy, Alexander McQueen chapter, decorated the graves in the Confederate plot at the cemetery.

Part two was at 6 o'clock, on monumental square. Here in the shadow of the Confederate monument, with the beautiful oak trees as a pleasing background, a large audience gathered to hear the addresses from the students of the girls' high school. Dr. S. H. Edmunds was master of ceremonies and a small remnant of Confederate veterans had seats of honor in front of the speakers. Their escort was the splendid high school battalion, the only military organization in the city, and this with its bugle and drum corps added much attraction to the occasion. A Confederate choir under Mrs. Stuckey's leadership furnished the singing, delighting the audience with "Maryland My Maryland," "Tenting Tonight," and other Southern airs. The decorating of the monument was a pretty feature. This was done by Mrs. Mallard's fourth grade girls, who marched gracefully across the grounds, bearing a long garland of some 50 feet, made entirely of evergreens and beautiful flowers and twined it about the base of the monument.

Governor Cooper was introduced to the audience and paid a fitting tribute to the occasion.

The speaker of the afternoon was the Rev. J. W. Daniel, who gave his own impressions of the Confederate army, when a boy of seven and described the great Jefferson Davis when he visited the Daniel home. Dr. Daniel told of the atrocities of other wars in contrast to the splendid behavior of the armies on both sides during the Confederate war. When he remembered the cheerful mien of the Confederate soldiers in 1862 and what the south had passed through in the ten years following that, he thought no man had a right to be depressed by the present time.

Every speaker paid tributes to the boys who fought overseas although the local post of the American Legion had preferred to observe a separate memorial.

The invocation was spoken by the Rev. J. P. Derrick of St. James Lutheran church. At the close of the exercises after taps had been blown or the bugle, the high school battalion bearing a Confederate battle flag along with that of the United States went through the intricate military evolutions of "Retreat."

## TWO YOUTHS DROWNED

**Sad End to Fishing Excursion at Hartsville**

Hartsville, May 10.—Hartsville was shocked this afternoon to receive the news that A. D. Thomas and cousin, Hallie Thomas, were drowned when a boat capsized with Asbury Raines and themselves on Brestwood lake this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The three boys had been out fishing and were returning when they were asked to get a boat which had drifted from its mooring and bring it in. It was in trying to do this that their boat was overturned by the large waves caused by the exceeding high wind at the time.

Efforts to find the bodies have so far proved fruitless.

A. D. Thomas was from Lamar and for some time had been running a transfer here. Lately though he has been employed by the county. He was 22 years old and leaves a wife, having been married only three months. Hallie Thomas was 16 years of age and worked in the cotton mill here.

Chattanooga, May 10.—Officers and messengers to the Southern Baptist convention which opens here Thursday, began arriving today.

## HUNS BOW TO THE INEVITABLE

**New Cabinet Organized To Accept Terms of Allied Ultimatum Takes Charge in Berlin**

Berlin, May 10 (By the Associated Press).—Germany has accepted the allied ultimatum. The reichstag tonight by a vote of 221 to 175 yielded to the final demands of the allied powers, and, in so doing, agreed to fulfill the terms of the treaty of Versailles "to the capacity" of the nation to do so. Dr. Wirth, the Centerist leader, finally succeeded in forming a coalition cabinet composed of Centerists, Majority Socialist and Democrats, which, confronted by grave necessity, speedily decided the acceptance of the ultimatum was the only course.

In making this announcement to the reichstag the new chancellor asked for an immediate decision by that body and in the voting which followed the government was sustained.

The allied ultimatum required a definite reply based on "yes" or "no." No conditional reply would be entertained, and the ultimatum was formulated to expire on the night of May 12.

The total sum which Germany is called upon to pay is 6,750,000,000. Disarmament must be carried out by Germany in accordance with the provisions of the treaty and the trial of war criminals must be put into effect. Numerous other important terms in which Germany has been in default, will be accepted.

Non compliance with the ultimatum would have subjected Germany to occupation by the allies of the Ruhr valley and whatever other military and naval measures were deemed advisable.

The new cabinet is generally regarded as a makeshift largely unrepresentative but good enough to accept the entente ultimatum, and has avoided an advance in the Ruhr. While the cabinet obtained a comfortable majority in the reichstag it has the undivided support of only the Majority Socialists and Clericals. The members of the other parties is declared have given it support as a makeshift and are not pledged to give it parliamentary support.

Berlin, May 10 (By the Associated Press).—The reichstag assembled at 9 o'clock tonight and Dr. Wirth announced the formation of a new cabinet, with himself as chancellor and foreign minister. The other members of the cabinet are:

Gustav Bauer, (former chancellor) vice chancellor and minister of the treasury.

Herr Brauns, Centerist, minister of economics.

Herr Schiffer, Democrat, minister of justice.

Robert Schmidt, Socialist, minister of labor.

General Groener, Social-Democrat, minister of transportation.

Herr Giesberts, Centerist, minister of posts and telegraphs.

Andreas Hermes, Centerist, food controller.

George Garneur, Majority Socialist, deputy for Saxony, minister of the interior.

Herr Gesser, Democrat, minister of defense.

Herr Silberschmidt, Majority Socialist and labor leader, minister of reconstruction.

Dr. Eduard David, who was first selected as minister of the interior, was withdrawn and replaced by Herr Gradneur. There was considerable delay in completing the cabinet owing to difficulty in finding a man for the foreign portfolio, which eventually Dr. Wirth assumed.

London, May 10.—Dr. Wirth, the German Centerist leader says a Berlin dispatch to the London Times tonight, has succeeded in forming a cabinet from the Center party, the Democrats and Majority Socialists in favor of accepting the terms of the allied ultimatum.

Dr. Wirth, pointing out in the reichstag the alternatives to the ultimatum said that Germany could sign, thus putting on Germany a burden, the end of which could not be foreseen, or refuse to sign, after which would follow occupation of Ruhr with terrible results to Germany's industrial and economic life now and in the future.

The unity and freedom of Germany, continued the chancellor, had weighed more with the new cabinet, and the ministry has decided to accept the London terms, which they would undertake to fulfill within the limits of Germany's capacity. This would be only possible through the work and energy of the people.

Except for a Communist interruption when Dr. Wirth asserted he was acting in interests of freedom there was no demonstration during the speech.

Chicago, May 11.—Average salary of Methodist Episcopal church ministers is \$1,154, secretary Singley, stated in his report annual to the meeting of the Board of Conference Claimants today. Three years ago it was \$882.

Paris, May 11.—France intends to pay what she owes, a high foreign office official stated today. France will take no steps whatever regarding modification, reduction or cancellation of her debt to the United States, he said.

## National Guard Assignments

**South Carolina Militia Units Allowed to the Thirtieth Division**

Columbia, May 11.—Each of the National Guard Units of South Carolina now forms an integral part of the Thirtieth Division, under the army's reorganization scheme, now being worked out throughout the nation, under the reorganization act of June 4, 1920. The new Thirtieth Division embraced the state militias of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

There are two divisions in the fourth corps area, the Thirtieth and the Thirty-Ninth. The thirty-ninth embraces the National Guard units of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The names of the divisions were made famous by the World War. In case of a national emergency now, the Thirtieth Division would again enter service as an outfit composed of men of the Southeast. The headquarters of this division are located at Fort McPerson, Ga. Reports from these headquarters indicate that there is a largely increasing interest in the National Guard in the states within the corps area.

## KENNETH GOSSETT APPEALS

**Young Abbeville Man Asks Supreme Court to Rescind Forty Year Sentence**

Columbia, May 10.—The appeal of Kenneth Gossett, young Abbeville county man under forty-year sentence for assault on a young white girl of his county seat, was argued before the South Carolina supreme court today, and interesting points were raised, the ground for the appeal being largely errors in the judge's charge to the jury and alleged illegalities in the constitution of the court which tried the case. The supreme court took the case under advisement after the arguments.

In the arguments attorneys for Gossett alleged that the young woman was not assaulted but consented to the abduction.

In support of the contention that the young woman consented to the abduction, Gossett's counsel argued that when the act was committed, in the county near Abbeville, the two young women and the two men in the party rode back into Abbeville and drove through the streets, passing both the police department and the fire department, and making no outcry. They also argued that the young women were in joyful mood when they came back to the city, bidding the defendant good bye on leaving him. Counsel stated that the young woman was afraid of her mother, and told the rape story to prevent punishment for missing church that day. The girl was sixteen years old, it was said.

At the time of the alleged assault two men were arrested and brought to the penitentiary for safe-keeping, to prevent their being lynched. The two young women came to Columbia and saw the young men and stated that they were not the ones who had accompanied them on the trip out of Abbeville. This trip to Columbia counsel referred to, in the arguments, as a "farce".

The arguments also touched on the young girl's charge that she had been assaulted in the automobile, and that her straw hat had been mashed. Counsel asked why this hat had never been produced. The point of a torn dress was also raised.

The act for which Gossett was tried and convicted was committed near Abbeville on March 14, 1920. Gossett was tried on April 8, 1920, before Judge Moore, Benham and Price, of Greenville, are his lawyers. The solicitor represented the state in the arguments today.

The appeal was based on alleged errors by the judge, in refusing a change of venue, in not agreeing with the defendant's allegation that the special term of court was not constitutional, in refusing a continuance, asked for on the ground that the attorneys for Gossett had not time to properly confer with him regarding the case, and allegations that several of the jurors had expressed opinions or been prejudiced regarding the case, those being Walter B. Wilson, W. L. Power, C. A. Smith, R. H. Purdy, L. G. Betts and J. F. Gibert.

## MESSAGE TO VETERANS

**President Harding Telegraphs Georgia Confederate Re-Union**

Albany, Ga., May 11.—President Harding telegraphed the Georgia Confederate veterans reunion extending greetings and saying, "Not many years longer will the veterans of the civil war thus meet. It is good to have lived to see the great wound of the Civil War completely healed and complete accord and unbroken devotion of both North and South to our common country."

The Annual Council of the Episcopal Church of South Carolina will convene in this city next Tuesday morning. The attendance is expected to be about 175.

## LaFollette Attacks Administration

**Notorious German Sympathizer Turns Against Lodge-Harding Faction**

Washington, May 10.—The first open outbreak of Republican dissatisfaction with the administration policy came in the Senate today with the introduction by Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, of a resolution condemning appointment of American representatives to the allied councils in Europe. The resolution proposed a declaration by the senate "that it is contrary to American ideals and traditions for the government of the United States to participate in any manner" in the allied councils.

The Wisconsin senator introduced his resolution after assurances, had been given to President Harding today that there was little criticism among Republican senators over the appointments and that the opposition of a smaller number of Republican senators was not serious.

The resolution recalled refusal of the senate to approve the treaty of Versailles or to sanction the league of nations; declared that American participation in the allied policies abroad would be an acceptance of their "imperialistic policies" and said in conclusion:

"It is the sense of the senate that it is contrary to American ideals and traditions for the government of the United States to participate in any manner in councils, the purpose of which constitute a denial of freedom and self government and thus sanction, or appear to sanction, the act of oppression which are now being inflicted upon Ireland, India and other subject nations, and that it is the sense of the senate that the United States should not take part in any foreign councils except upon the express understanding that the purposes of such councils are to be the fulfillment of the pledges made by the responsible representatives of this country and the allied government during the war, foremost amongst which was the establishment, throughout the world of government by consent of the governed."

It also was declared that "barbarous and uncivilized warfare is now being waged against the people of Ireland."

Senator LaFollette had his resolution read and asked that it lie over in position for discussion in a few days.

After the LaFollette resolution had been introduced, Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, presented and had read an article by William Allen White of Kansas and an editorial in a local newspaper regarding the administration policy. Senator Harrison said "that much significance" was attached because he said the newspaper was "dominated" by Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce.

## SENATORS COMBINE

**Men From South and West Will Act Together and Should Succeed**

Washington, May 10.—Southern and Western senators interested primarily in agriculture, perfected their organization at a formal session tonight. They will stand together in the interest of the farmer irrespective of the frequent intrusion of partisan politics.

The conference determined to make it a matter of law rather than of discretion on the part of governors of the federal reserve board that the farmer should have the right to discounting his paper for 12 months, the entire planting season, rather than six months as the law provides; and the maximum rate of interest to be charged by federal reserve banks should be set by law.

A subcommittee was appointed with Senator Smith of South Carolina, as chairman, to prepare an amendment to the federal reserve act, embodying the foregoing principle.

The conference also agreed to make a study of the railroad situation, and take immediate steps for the alleviation of the burden occasioned by exorbitant freight rates. It was the understanding of the conferees that in all matters, Southern and Westerners could control the senate.

As to the rate of interest to be charged by the federal reserve banks the conferees did not agree. Senator Harris of Georgia is on record for limiting the rate to 5 per cent.

## COWBOY ROPES EAGLE

Sioux City, May 11.—Thos. Hale, a cowboy, captured an eagle with a lariat near Gregory by riding toward after it had eaten its fill of a calf, and easily roping it.

## WIFE OF PREMIER DEAD

Rome, May 11.—The death of the wife of Italian Premier Giolitti was announced today.

Greenville, S. C., May 7.—His skull badly fractured by a blow with a single-tree Andy Wells, young farmer of the Traveler's Rest section of the county, is in a critical condition in a hospital here. Walter Bowers and his son, Carl Bowers, have been placed in jail charged with having inflicted the wound during a fight with Wells today.

## COAL STRIKE CAUSES HALT

**Biggest Ship Building Plant in England is Faced With Fuel Famine**

London, May 11.—The coal shortage is becoming serious because of the miners' strike, and Vicker's Shipbuilding Works at Barrow, the largest concern in the United Kingdom, employing one hundred fifty thousand men, announces that it will close next week unless mining is resumed. The unemployment at end of April aggregated more than a million and three quarters, exclusive of more than a million miners. More than eleven hundred ships are tied up.

## THE GARNERS FERRY BRIDGE

**Mr. Dabbs Asks For Information Respecting Guarantee For Approaches**

Editor Daily Item:

Some of us would like to know why the legislative delegation should guarantee the approaches to the Garner's Ferry Bridge? This matter was thoroughly threshed out in a mass meeting called last June for this purpose. The endorsement of the county board's pledge of \$37,500.00 to the bridge cost was distinctly based on no further cost to the county—he approaches to be built by private contributions. Before this could be passed the proponents of the Garner's Ferry Bridge requested county board to forthwith build the Privater and Turbeville roads. At a subsequent meeting of the county board at Turbeville every member except one agreed to build the Turbeville short cut road. Confirmatory of this the county board spent \$500 surveying and working estimates of cost of the Turbeville road. The estimated costs there were excessive. But since he break in prices this road could have been opened for 1-4 to 1-3 of the estimates of last summer.

I told Commissioner Mims that we did not ask for a boulevard road. He said so much travel will use this road that it must be of the best. "It is an important road." My reply was: "Then go ahead and build it."

Now the board turns it down on the ground that the legislature did not authorize the opening of any new roads. But, when sufficient pressure is brought it agrees to build the Privater road. Representative Belsie told me the delegation had provided sufficient resources to build both roads. Unless these roads are opened to be important for the internal development of the county we will not be treated right to spend county money on the Wateree project that is a state and national development, and cannot understand what the legislative delegation had to do with it unless they intend to levy a tax to make good the guarantee. It is further stated that the chain gang will be used to open the road from Stateburg to the bridge. Yet we are told the chain gang cannot be spared from the ordinary upkeep of the roads to open roads already promised us. The county delegation participated in the meeting last June that asked that the Privater and Turbeville roads be opened forthwith, and I do not think they are keeping faith to now guarantee a road that was then to be built by private subscriptions until those other roads have been built. When this is done much of the opposition to Garner's Ferry will disappear.

E. W. Dabs.

## Insurance License Funds

**Sumter Will Receive \$3,743 As Share of License Taxes**

Columbia, May 11.—A total of \$88,489 is being sent this week by the state insurance commissioner, J. J. McMahan, to the counties of the state as their share of the additional license fees on premiums collected by insurance companies on business within counties for the semi-annual period which ended December 31, 1920.

The largest amount goes to Charleston, \$11,036; the next largest to any one county is to Richland, \$8,283; Greenville gets \$5,987, Spartanburg \$4,832, Anderson \$4,619, Florence \$3,950, Sumter \$3,743, York \$3,093; Orangeburg \$3,088; Darlington \$2,976; Greenwood \$2,656. The smallest amount to any one county goes to Jasper, \$139.

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## FRANCE TAKING NO CHANCES

**Marshal Foch Discusses With Premier Briand Measures Necessary to Insure Germany's Compliance With Terms**

Paris, May 11.—Premier Briand and cabinet met with Marshal Foch, General Weygand and President Millerand and discussed the measures necessary for the execution of demands prescribed in the allied ultimatum. The clause prescribing the acts to be performed by Germany after her acceptance relative to disarmaments were discussed. The application of financial measures laid down by the allies was likewise examined but the decisions were not announced.

## GOOD ROADS MEETING

**Representatives of Every County in State to Attend Convention in Columbia**

Columbia, May 10.—W. A. McGuire, of Wilmington, N. C., president of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the big state-wide roads meeting to be held in Columbia at Craven Hall next Wednesday, May 18 at noon under the auspices of sixteen state-wide organizations. North Carolina is preparing to spend \$50,000,000 on her highways and it was through the North Carolina Good Roads Association that the sentiment of the state was worked up to the importance of expending more money on the highways.

The promoters of next Wednesday's meeting say that the interest which is being taken over the state indicate that Craven Hall will be taxed to hold the crowd that will be here. Delegates are being appointed by all state-wide organizations, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and the mayors of all cities and towns.

Former Governor D. C. Heyward, temporary chairman yesterday received a letter from Walter J. Johnson, president of the Florence Chamber of Commerce saying that "Florence will have as strong a delegation as it is possible to secure at the roads meeting on the 18th. Our hearts are with any good movement for adequate high a thorough state."

The Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce has named a strong delegation to represent Rock Hill and writes that it will be glad to co-operate with the organization calling the meeting.

"I hope the meeting will accomplish some good results," writes Mayor Eugene S. Blease of Newberry in sending a list of delegates he has appointed to represent Newberry.

The Charleston Automobile Club, the Charleston Automotive Trade Association and the Charleston Chamber of Commerce are all planning to send large delegations to represent Charleston.

A. B. Jordan, president of the South Carolina Press Association, J. D. Hammett, president of the Cotton Manufacturers Association of South Carolina, Neils Christenson, president of the South Carolina Development Board and W. H. Cogswell, president of the Travelers Protective Association, have appointed large delegations to represent their respective organizations.

The women citizens of the state are displaying a great deal of interest in the state-wide roads meeting and large delegations are expected to be present from their various organizations, promoters of the meeting said today.

Mrs. F. S. Munsell, of Columbia, president of the League of Women's Voters and Mrs. S. O. Plowden, of Stateburg, president of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, have both written that they will do all in their power to make the meeting a great success.

"I have urged all who are able to be there," writes M. S. Plowden "as I feel that the great need of our state today is modern highways and as we as an organization are working for higher education must do all in our power to advance this work as a means to promote better school facilities in the rural districts. I hope nothing will prevent my being present."

The committee calling the meeting today stressed the fact that everybody in South Carolina who is interested in seeing improved highways in South Carolina is urged to be present whether they have been officially designated as a delegate by any organization or not. The meeting is open to all South Carolinians, the committee said.

Chicago, May 11.—The Railroad Labor Board hearing on the rule and working conditions ended today when the union's representative concluded their testimony and the railroads announced they did not expect to present further direct testimony. The hearing began January 10th.

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 10.—The discovery of valuable oil and gas territory near the port of Limon on the eastern coast is reported.